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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HIDEKAZU SHIMOMURA ET AL.)
Application No.: 09/239,020)
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 5, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows. The claim amendments are reflected in the listing that begins at page 2. The remarks begin at page 6.

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